

LETTER BAG.

To the Editor.

In your issue of June 24th, over the name of W. Chapman, Secretary of Pyrmont Club, appears a letter, acknowledging the visit from the Lecture Committee of the Referees' Association, in which several very important points, having a strong bearing on the control of our game, are discussed.

I think in some way the interpretations of the Lecture Committee have been misconstrued, and in fairness to all referees who control our various games, and whose duties are at all times open to comment, and also to the spectators who are the critics, the points in question should be made quite clear.

I had hoped that the Lecture Committee would take the matter up and correct the wrong impression conveyed, and so in the interest of the game, and with due deference to that body, I trust you will insert this in the hope that it may dispel any doubt which may have arisen since the article in question appeared.

Clause B of the article in question states:—

"Player throwing ball in should not be penalised unless he gains some advantage from an unfair delivery."

This is incorrect, as in Law 5 Laws of the Game, Instructions to Referees, it is clearly laid down: "If the player does not throw the ball in properly the Referee MUST award a free kick."

Clause D of the article states: "The ball cannot UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES be played twice by the same player."

This is rather ambiguous and misleading, and requires qualifying.

Law 10, Laws of the Game, states in relation to the taking of a free kick:—

"The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been played by another player."

"The kick off (except as provided in Rule 2, which relates to the commencement of the game), corner kick, penalty kick, goal kick, and free kick shall be free kicks within the meaning of this law."

Clause E of the article touches the most important rule in our game, and reads as follows:—

"The half way line makes no difference in the offside rule when one or either of the opposing backs are in your home territory."

I suppose one could write a page on this Law, there is such a fund of material; and yet when the rule is dissected and mastered it is the simplest to interpret.

The first, last and most important point to remember at all times is the position of the player when the ball was last played as the whole interpretation depends upon that most important factor.

The common failing is to note the position of the player when he receives the ball, and that is why in the majority of cases so much adverse criticism is levelled at our referees.

The half way line is all important in the game; it protects the attackers, and the Law is emphatic on the point, as the official instructions to referees are that, a player who is in his own half of the field at the moment the ball was last played, CANNOT be off side.

A very important point for a player to remember is to keep behind the ball, for in that position a player cannot possibly be off side.

It is one that should appeal to the forwards of a team, who are the match winners, and they should endeavour to educate themselves in that respect, as it would assuredly brighten our game and incidentally improve the play from the spectators' point of view.

The whole fault in this respect is due to over-eagerness on the forwards' part, and, instead of waiting for the pass, rushing forward in anticipation and immediately placing himself in the offside position.

How many times have we seen brilliant forward play nullified at the goal mouth by offside play, when the simple axiom of keeping behind the ball would place any question of offside play beyond any shadow of suspicion.

A player cannot be off side from a goal kick, corner kick, or throw in, but that privilege ceases immediately the ball has been played by the second player.

I have often heard the point raised that the three opponents

necessary to ensure a player being on side must be the two backs and goalkeeper. This is incorrect, as the rule simply says opponents, and means any three players of the opposing team.

When an opponent plays the ball any member of the opposing side is on side, irrespective of his position in the field of play.

In conclusion, the strong point I would desire to impress upon players and spectators alike is the position of the player when the ball was last played.

W. LINCOLN,

President, M.S.F.A.

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GARDINER CUP.

AUBURN v. BALMAIN SCOTTISH

This game, played at Auburn Park, provided a bright and pleasing exhibition of Cup tie order, with Auburn always slightly superior as a team. Scottish were aggressive at the start of play, but the home defence tackled solidly, and after ten minutes' play, Tranter passed forward for Malcolm to open the score for Auburn, with an excellently judged shot into the far corner of the net. A spell of even play followed, both half back lines working well, good placing and tackling being a feature of the game.

A scrimmage in front of Scottish goal, following a centre from Bourke, ended in Reid heading through from close range.

The Scottish right wing was prominent in the second half. Evans twice saved well by tipping the ball over the bar. At the other end, the goalie proved himself no tyro at the game, saving hot shots on several occasions, one stinger from Reid, especially earning the applause of the crowd. With clever combined movement, Auburn worked through the defence, Hagedorn finishing the attack with a shot that gave the goalie no chance, and time came with Auburn victors by three clear goals.

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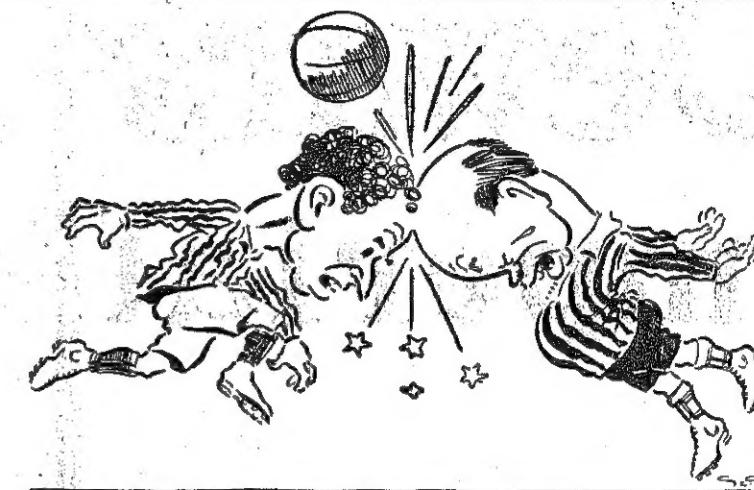
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CANTERBURY CLUB

Canterbury have put up some records this season. They have called upon no fewer than 28 players since the season opened.

They have played 4 goalkeepers, 3 of them rep. men, viz., Blake, Bailey and Coley.

The latter two were on the stand on Saturday last watching the game against Pyrmont, and were very pleased with the display of Hatcher, who was in goal for the "Bury's."

This player should turn out a top notcher.

Tom Bailey played against Pyrmont the week before at Campsie, and put up a sterling performance. It's a great pity Tom cannot be induced to keep at the game, he has no superior.

A collision between he and Cullen of Annandale a couple of seasons ago, whereby the latter's leg was broken, seems to have taken away all his interest in the goal-keeping line. "Bury's" have played a few seasons without getting a man ordered off until the last two weeks, when Ref. Wright sent a man off in each match, the only two matches he has refer-

red, by the way, against them this season.

SPORTSMANSHIP.

The executive of the Eastern Suburbs Club is to be congratulated for the manner in which they readily agreed to Granville's request for a transference of their match to-day from Centennial Park to Clyde Oval. The reason that Granville desired the change is that they are giving Alf. Jennings "send-off" prior to his departure by the Orvieto on Tuesday week.

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EDITORIAL.

P. & D. PENALTIES.

Of the various committees and sub-committees that govern the game, the most important, from a player's point of view, is the Protest and Disqualification Committee. The duties of this body are indeed onerous, and calls for patience, perseverance, and perception from those who are charged with the responsible duty of deciding disputes, and meting out punishment that is commensurate with the offence.

It is in the matter of penalties that reform of some kind is necessary. Of late, much dissatisfaction has been in evidence owing to the varying sentences imposed for offences that have been of a similar nature. This could be remedied by the introduction of a system whereby each class of offence would have a fixed penalty. On each additional occasion that a player was cited and found guilty he would be penalised by having his previous sentence doubled. This could be considered the minimum.

If the above—or something of the kind—was adopted, a player would know before hand what to expect in the event of being found guilty, and if the prescribed penalties were severe, he would make an extra special effort to keep his temper under better control.

INTERSTATE NEWS.

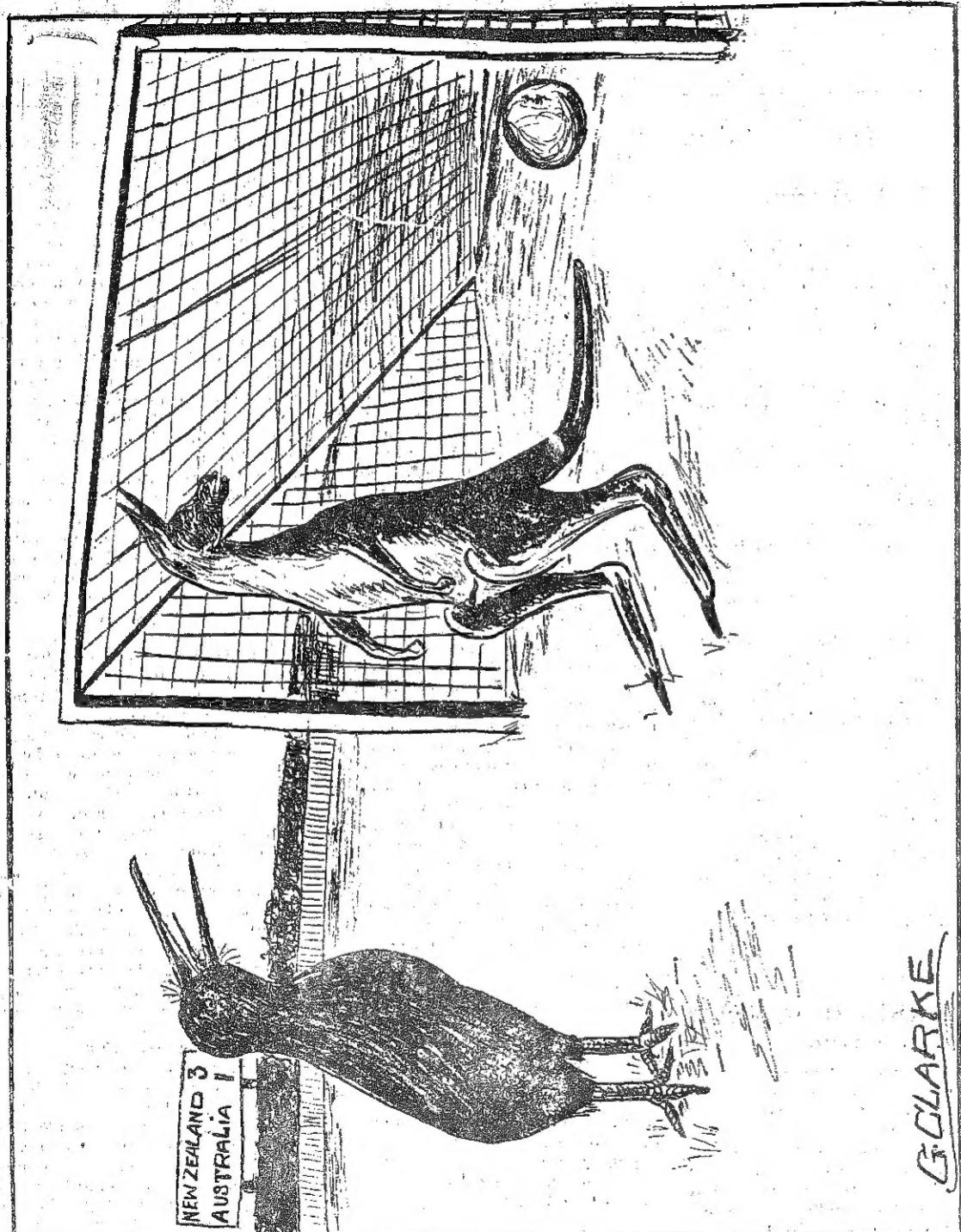
TASMANIA.

In no previous season has the senior competition been so brimful of interest as at the present time. Although the roster is more than half way through, reference to the league tables at the foot of these notes will show that no less than three teams are bracketed together at the head of affairs, with the same number of points each. It is a somewhat extraordinary fact that, whereas seven matches have re-

sulted in drawn games in Division I., out of 15 matches played in the Nurse Cup competition, not one has been drawn. The greatly improved standard of play in recent games has been reflected in increased attendances, for there is no doubt that when played well the game takes a lot of beating as a spectacular pastime. Although the South Hobart ground is only being used for Division III. matches, until the promised improvements are made by the City Council, the association departed from the practice in the South Hobart v. Cadbury's (Division II.) match last Saturday. The local lads had expressed a desire to try conclusions with the "chocolate" men on their home ground, and the Claremont men sportingly agreed. The match proved a great success, and was quite as good as any senior game. The enthusiasm shown by juvenile delegates by their attendance at the weekly executive meetings of the association should be an object lesson to some of our senior delegates. Although, under the present constitution only one delegate is allowed from each team, together with ex-officio members, the average attendance at each weekly meeting is in the vicinity of 20. Negotiations are still proceeding with the Victorian Association for the visit of a Tasmanian team to Melbourne this season, but latest advices state that it would be more convenient for the "Vics." if the visit took place next season. If this is so, it is up to the T.F.A. to get busy, by immediately getting into touch with New South Wales or South Australia. Tasmania has never previously played the latter State, consequently if the match could be brought off it should prove a considerable attraction at Adelaide, where the game is in a flourishing condition. An old saying in new guise, "Tis better to have shot and missed than never to have shot at all."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The second month has been put behind, and the League table is in-



TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

FIRST GRADE.

First Division.

Pyrmont Rangers v. Canterbury, Wentworth Oval, 1.45 (W. Alexander).

Pyrmont v. B'main Gladstone, Wentworth Oval, 3.15. (A. L. Peaty).

B'main Fernleigh v. Gladesville, Eastern Park, 3.15 (E. Lukeman).

Eastern Suburbs v. Granville, Clyde Oval, 3.15 (L. Gill).

Second Division.

Burns Anniv. v. Lancashire Socy., Mascot Park, 3.15 (Hayes).

Auburn v. C'wealth Dockyard, Auburn, 3.15 (W. Wright).

Campsie Thistle v. Sydney Hosp. Ground, Canterbury Road, 3.15 (C. R. Brown).

B'main Scott. v. North Sydney, Ibrox Park, 3.15 (E. Jones).

SECOND GRADE.

A Division.

Manly v. Hornsby Athletic, Brookvale Oval, 3.15 (R. Burns).

Pyrmont Rangers v. Botany Alb., Booralee Oval, 3.15 (W. Neil).

Punch Park v. Gladesville Hospital, The Hospital, 1.45 (J. McDougall).

Metters Ltd. receive forfeit from Annan. Altona.

Railway Thistle v. West Sydney, Mascot Park, 1.45 (J. O'Toole).

Garden Is., the bye.

B Division.

Parramatta District v. West Sydney, Ibrox Park, 1.45 (D. McKinnon).

St. George District v. H'ville United, Cook Park, 3.15 (S. Rose).

Drummoyne v. Rozelle Rovers, Brereton Park, 1.45 (C. McLaren).

Callan Park, the bye.

C Division.

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THE INTERNATIONAL GAME.

Australians beat Auckland.

By Four to One.

Local Team Outclassed.

The big Soccer match between the Australian representative touring team and the chosen of Auckland took place to-day at the Domain before an attendance of about 3000 people. The result was a comparatively easy win for the visitors by four goals to one goal, in a game that was chiefly notable for the generally excellent combination of the Australians, who showed clever foot and head work and delighted the crowd with their dashing concerted tactics.

Although heavy rain fell early in the afternoon, it cleared off before the contest commenced, though the sky was overcast. The ground contained a number of small pools of water, and, in consequence, the arranged curtain-raisers were not played. However, the surface soon became very greasy, and was in a very sloppy condition, which to some extent hindered the play. However, the Australians, who were accorded a hearty reception, seemed to accommodate themselves quickly to the conditions, and with the advantage of cohesion in their ranks they gave a capital exhibition of the Code.

In the first spell the visitors took no chances, and played steadily. Brown scoring two good goals. The Aucklanders put up as strong a defence as possible under the circumstances, and though Innes, Dacre, and particularly Knott, who scored Auckland's goal, were prominent in patches, they were unable to make a big impression. Haycock did not play up to expectations. In the second half the visitors gradually took command, and excelling in every department, Brown and Mauder each scored a good goal, and were outclassing the opposition in the concluding stages. Every man of them played well, and Colvin and Hooper improved for Auckland towards the finish.



SID. ALEWOOD.

Sid. Alewood, the fast moving bustling centre forward for the "Blue" brigade, is a convert from Rugby League. He has had more experience with the oval ball than with the round ball. He last played Rugby with Mascot, Third Grade, where he more than proved his mettle. His return to the Soccer Code took place in 1920, when he appeared as centre forward for Pyrmont. He soon showed that he still possessed a lot of the points of the game, which he knew as a Junior Soccer player. Since his return he has only played for Pyrmont, and now he has become a good, solid, bustling and fast moving centre. His physique is of the heavy type, and this fact gives his shots at goal terrific pace. He is leading in the goal average for the "Blues," and is a consistent scorer for his side.

Arthur Layton, who used to play for the North Sydney Club some 10 years ago, is still playing professional football in England, and this season he helped Stockport County to win the Third Division of the League (Northern Section). Evidently still some good football left in the old dog yet.

SUNLIGHT CLUB.

The above club played Punch-bowl last week on the latter team's ground. Sunlight were successful, winning by 3 goals to 1. Duggan (2) and J. Palmer (1) were the scorers. In the back division J. McInnes, S. Morrison, and J. Palmer were the pick, but all were reliable. In the forwards Duggan, Watson and Denham shone, Jordison was good as usual, and Ewen, a newcomer in the centre forward position, also shaped well. H. Palmer is on the injured list.

GARDINER CUP.**PYRMONT RANGERS v.
THIRROUL.**

At Bode's Ground, Wollongong, on Saturday last, Pyrmont Rangers succumbed to the persistent efforts of Thirroul. The game was fast and strenuous. F. Anderson and S. Robinson were a tower of strength for Rangers. At full time the score was 4 all. Though the light was bad, extra time was played. Just toward the closing stages Thirroul broke away and succeeded in netting the winning goal.

A protest entered by Pyrmont will be considered at to-morrow's council meeting of the N.S.W.F.A.

LES. GALLACHER.

Apropos our article last week re the above unfortunate man we are now advised that his illness is acute neuritis or partial paralysis, not meningitis, as stated last week.

**WEST SYDNEY v.
CALLAN PARK.**

The teams met for the second time this season at Callan Park Hospital, and resulted in another win for Sydney by 4 goals to 2, after one of the finest games of second grade football witnessed for some time. Willis and Cooksie were the pick of West's forward, with Sterrett and Toomey outshining as backs.

Entries for the Sunlight Cup with Mr. Geo. K. Martin on Monday night, the 17th inst.

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POT SHOTS.

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Bunny done good work for Solis.—The Squatters have a different idea of Bunny.

We hope Jennings will be free from any more brutal attacks. Quite so, but he might get a Royal Passage going to England.

Hints to Players.—"How to Good Night to your Tabby":

You kiss her in the Drawing Room.

You kiss her on the stairs; And when you get into the dark.

You kiss her unawares.

And loitering down the garden path.

You still keep up the game,

And when you reach the garden gate

You do the trick again.

(With a little practice this will come quite natural to the footballer, and also to the Tabby.)

St. Peters' team have a weak back.—Try a Porous Plaster.

Two Blues put a New-house between the posts for the Cockatoo. But judging by the scores Preliminary didn't like to enter.

A Pyrmont player got a kick in the Penalty Area.—What part of his anatomy is that?

The next item on the programme, ladies and gentlemen, is a recitation by the Captain of the Two Blues, entitled "How we beat our Favourite."

Arnotts team Are Not doing bad.—No, they Are Not.

Burns-Sydney match was abandoned after Two balls were bounces and they had none to play with. Why didn't they call on the pawnbroker. He could have helped them out of the difficulty.

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After playing drawn games with Canterbury, Cockatoo, Pyrmont Rangers, and Gladesville at their first clash, Pyrmont, Two Blues, Thirroul, and Woonona have now secured their admission ticket to the second series of State Championship matches.

An early start will be made this month with the Cronin Cup competition for affiliated clubs within the Dalley electorate. All fixtures must be decided at Ibrox Park, Leichhardt. Last year's Cup and medals were secured by Balmain Scottish, who defeated Balmain Fernleigh in the final.

The meritorious win of Two Blues over Cockatoo Dockyard, leaders in the Second Division, created a good impression at headquarters last Saturday. Their fast open football showed this Second Grade team to be a combination of class whose record through the Gardiner Cup games will be watched with interest.

Carrying by the goalkeeper is taking more than two steps while holding the ball, or bouncing it on the hand. The goalkeeper must not "walk-about" bouncing the ball on the hand, and must not handle the ball outside his own penalty area. For carrying the ball the penalty is a free kick, not a penalty kick.—Mac.

The boom fixture of the season will be the Australia versus N.S.W. fixture, set down for decision at Wentworth Oval next Saturday. The tourists are expected to produce a high standard of team work as a result of their New Zealand games, but will be fully extended by the stay-at-homes with such prominent exponents as Austen, Loveridge, Robinson, and Jennings available for selection.

PROGRAMME

Easton Park, 3.15.

SATURDAY, 15th JULY, 1922.

Referee: Mr. E. LUKEMAN.

BALMAIN FERNLEIGH v. GLADESVILLE**GLADESVILLE.**

(Red)

J. McNee,

1 Waldergraves

2 Murray

8 McPhee

5 A. White

4 P. O'Hara

6 J. Shaw

7 Keating

8 Henson

9 Dodds

10 Sutherland

Reserves:

11 Robertson

12 J. Lyons

13 H. Gay

Early Match, 1.45.

Clyde Oval, 3.15.

REFEREE: MR. L. GILL

EASTERN SUBURBS v.**GRANVILLE****GRANVILLE.**

(Black and White Stripes)

Atchison

1 G. Dane

2 E. Doherty

3 D. Leabeater

5 H. Spurway

4 J. Comrie

6 H. Winter

7 J. McCrae

8 A. Jennings

9 R. Fairweather

10 F. Ramsay

Reserves:

11 L. Leabeater

Early Match, 1.45.

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Wentworth Park 0.

SATURDAY, JULY, 1922.
PYRMONT v. BALMAIN GLADSTONES

Referee: BEATTY
Linesmen: Meagher, BERRY.

PYRMONT (Blue)

Goalkeeper
R. McDonald

Fullbacks

1—J. Crum

5—C. Timms

4—J. Gray

2—S. Anderson

3—E. Loveridge

Forwards

6—A. Maclean

8—S. Alewood

10—R. Osborne

7—J. Maitland

9—J. Burcham

Reserves:

11—W. BRITTON

12—J. CORNWALL

Halves

Wentworth Park p.m.

Referee: BEATTY

PYRMONT RANGERS v. CANTERBURY

PYRMONT RANGERS.

(Blue with Gold Sashes Crossed Back and Front.)

Goalkeeper

R. Troup

Fullbacks

1—S. Robinson

2—E. Thomas

Halves

3—F. Anderson

4—H. McAlister

Forwards

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6—T. Cooper

8—W. Moore

Reserves:

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9—G. Kelso

11 E. HOPGOOD 12 C. JOHNSON

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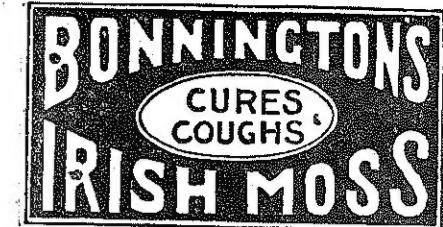
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THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES ASSOCIATION.

Lakemba Meth. A. surprised Austens F.C. on Saturday by drawing, 3-3. Austens were leading till close on full time, when the "Lakes" put through two in quick succession. This places Lachlan Rangers A further ahead. L.O.L. 46 and All Saints played a very scrappy match at Waterloo Oval. L.O.L. 46 seemed all at sea, due no doubt to the absence of so many of their regular players. It seems a pity that a team of this calibre should be handicapped each week by the non-playing of their better players, either through injuries received or from business reasons. All Saints proved fair too good, and finished up 3-0. Merrill, in the forwards, played ably for All Saints, while Capt. Nicholls, at back, was always very safe. In fact, he was easily the best player on the field, a feature being his fearless and accurate tackling.

Lachlan Rangers A put it all over Will. St. Stephens, though not to the same extent as in the previous round, when the scores were 10-2. Last Saturday it was 4-1, three of the goals being scored in the last fifteen minutes. Nutter, of the Shore team, had stiff luck; he broke his nose. Hetherington played well for the losers, though he could have "hopped in" a bit more. Buchanan was great between the sticks, and brought off some remarkably fine saves. Burrows, the rep. left half, will be back with Willoughby again next week, and should make a big difference to the team. On last Saturday's play it is doubtful who is the better goalie, Mick Free or Buchanan.

Lachlan Rangers B towelled Lakemba Congs. A by 4-1. On Prince of Wales' birthday the Congs. won by 3-1, with nine men. On Saturday, they never looked like winning. Within two minutes of the kick off the Rangers scored from a shot on the wing, one of the best I've seen. Williams was good for the losers. Richardson, of the same team, had a great name, but he hardly justified it at right half. J. Watson, the secretary-goalie, was awful, and should have had more goals scored against him than he did. Morton and Wonsley played nicely for the Rangers. G. Simpson, the dance M.C. of the Rangers, is developing in a fine

forward, though liable to kick a bit wildly at times. The game was fairly decent, but the immense amount of miskicking would prevent it being a classic match. This is the second time the Congs. have suffered defeat, and on each occasion they were accompanied by the Rev. Davies. He must be a real Jonah. Next Saturday at Meadowbank All Souls A and Dulwich Hill Bap. A will try conclusions. The Souls are a point in the lead, and as G. Wright will be Capt. Travers' partner at back, the side will be strengthened. The Maroons, however, are a real good combination, and defeated Lakemba Congs. A, who defeated All Souls A. I would not like to forecast any result. Mr. W. H. Gibson, hon. secretary of the Referees' Association, will handle the whistle.

St. Albans (Darlington) received a slight set back on Saturday, when Dulwich Hill Bap. B drew with them, 0-0. As Alex. Congs. won this places them one point in the lead. Dulwich Hill Bap. B is a team, who, though rather far down the list to have hopes of wearing the medals, yet may prove dangerous to the leaders.

St. Bedes proved their superiority last Saturday by trouncing S. Albans Ultimo to the tune of 4-1. This was the first time these teams met, as their match in the first round was deferred. St. Albans seemed to go to pieces in the second half, and after a man was ordered off lost heart altogether. Lakemba Congs. B (like their A's) also suffered defeat at the hands of Lakemba Meth. B. The Congs. were running St. Bedes close, but this now gives the Drummoyne boys a three-point lead, and a match to play.

Clubs will be sorry to learn that Jack Bruce, of Lakemba Congs., is suffering from a fractured leg, received while playing on the holiday at Leichhardt Oval.

Several teams are "crying" over the draw for the second round. These teams should remember that they elected a management committee, and gave them certain powers, the drawing and matching of teams amongst others. Well, the M.C. has no object in penalising teams, and the draw has been made as far as possible with the object of giving the higher grades and the better matches the better grounds. If teams do not like the manner in which their M.C. is controlling mat-

ters, then they have their remedy to put them out and elect a new I am assured that if asked to present members of the M.C. quite willing to resign.

The hon. treas. would like to mind teams that he is at the St. Club on Mondays and Fridays to 1.45, and also at the meetings on Tuesday nights, and that decent clubs should make a point of squaring up.

P.C.R.A.
Mr. W. H. Gibson, hon. secy, the Protestant Churches Referees' Association has stated that his association intends to take action the master of ex-Referee Castlemaine, ordering Mr. Ferrett, of Aus. Waratah, off the field, and the council voting in favor of the plan. Mr. Castlemaine immediately signed.

DRAW FOR SATURDAY, 22nd JULY, 1922.

FIRST GRADE.

Austens F.C. v. St. Aidans' Hurlstone Pk., 3.15.

Lachlan Rangers A v. All Saints Waterloo, 3.15.

Chalmers City v. Lakemba Meth. Wardell, Road No. 2, 3.15.

L.O.L. 46 v. Austral Waratah Fivedock, 3.15.

Will. St. Stephens, the bye.

SECOND GRADE "A" DIVISION.

All Souls A v. Lakemba Congs. Centen. Pk., 3.15.

Leichhardt Meth. v. Dul. Hill B.

A. Wardell, Rd. No. 1, 3.15.

St. Aidans B, the bye.

Balmain Pres. v. Alex. Miss. Fivedock, 1.45.

Lachlan Rangers B v. Earl Tabs, Waterloo Oval, 1.45.

SECOND GRADE "B" DIVISION.

Alex. Congs. v. St. Albans, Wardell Rd. No. 2, 1.45.

Austral Waratah B v. St. J. Wardell Rd. No. 1, 1.45.

Dul. Hill Bap. B, the bye.

Hurlstone Pk. Congs. v. St. Drews, Hurlstone Pk., 1.45.

St. Annes v. Newtown Congs. Meadowbank, 2.30.

THIRD GRADE.

All Souls B, the bye.

Austens Jnrs. v. St. Oswald's Flat, 1.45.

Lakemba Congs. B v. St. B. Lakemba, 1.45.

Lakemba Meth. B v. St. Al. Centen. Pk., 1.45.

Botany Meth. v. Tempe Pk. The Flat, 3.15.

July 15, 1922.

PROGRAMME

AT IRELAND PARK - 3.15 P.M.
SATURDAY, 15th JULY, 1922.

Referee: Mr. G. SKELLY

GLADESVILLE v. SUNLIGHT
(Black and Gold Stripes) (Blue and White Stripes)

Early Match, 1.45.

REFEREE: MR. B. McLAREN.
DRUMMOYNE v. ROZELLE ROVERS
(Black and White) (Green and Gold Stripes)

Ibrox Park, 3.15.

Referee: MR. E. JONES.
BALMAIN SCOTTISH v. NORTH SYDNEY
(Red and White Stripes) (Black and Red Stripes)

Early Match, 1.45.

Referee: MR. D. MCKINNON.
PARRAMATTA DISTRICT v. WEST SYDNEY
(Red) (Red and Blue Halves)

LETTER BAG.

July 8th, 1922.

Chapman published in your issue of 24th June.

I must first explain that my reply is in your hands but too late for the issue containing Mr. Lincoln's remarks. I regret very much the delay but the circumstances were entirely unavoidable, and I trust that this may be also read in conjunction with that letter.

I was exceedingly pleased to read this letter, and as it has broadly covered the ground very little further comment is necessary. The only point in question would appear to be the answer to Clause B, which is explained in my previous reply. The reply by myself was only a personal expression of opinion, having regard to the Laws and their interpretation. This reply was absolutely general, and I still maintain that the game can be sacrificed by stopping for minor technicalities and neglecting what will undoubtedly tend to bring the game into burlesque or possibly disrepute.

In conclusion, knowing the position, I think it may have been advisable to have got Mr. Chapman to have enlarged upon the items in question or to have confined himself to his appreciation of the endeavours of the Lecture Committee, who I think were quite unanimous on the many points raised.

E. S. LUKEMAN.
Member of the Lecture Board.

THE REFEREE.

(By "Mac.")

Duties and Powers of Referee.—Law 13—Laws of the Game: "A referee shall be appointed, whose duties shall be to enforce the Laws decide all disputed points, and his decision on points of fact connected with the play shall be final, so far as the result of the game is concerned. He shall also keep a record of the game, and act as timekeeper. In the event of any ungentlemanly behaviour on the part of any of the players, the offender or offenders shall be cautioned, and if any further offence is committed, or in case of violent conduct without any previous caution, the referee shall order the offending player or players off the field of play, and shall transmit the name or names of such player or players to his or their association, who shall deal with the matter. The referee shall allow for time wasted or lost through accident or other cause, suspend or terminate the game whenever, by reason of darkness, interference by spectators, or other cause he may deem necessary, but in all cases in which a game is so terminated he shall report the same to the association under whose jurisdiction the game was played, who shall deal with the matter. The referee shall award a free kick in any case in which he thinks the conduct of a player dangerous, or likely to prove dangerous, but not sufficiently so as to justify him in putting in force the greater powers vested in him. The power of the referee extends to offences committed when the play has been temporarily suspended, and when the ball is out of play."

Any player leaving the field during the progress of a game (except through accident) without the consent of the referee will be deemed guilty of misconduct, and will render himself liable to be penalised.

Persistent infringement of any of the Laws of the Game is ungentlemanly conduct within the meaning of this Law.

It is the duty of the referee to see that all free kicks, kicks from the goal, and corner kicks are properly taken.

It is the duty of the referee to report all cases of misconduct likely to bring the game into disrepute.

If a player uses violent or bad language to a referee, it will be deemed violent conduct within the meaning of this Law.

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The referee is required to deal effectively with cases of misconduct on the part of players, officials and spectators.

Without permission of the referee, no person shall be allowed on the field of play during a match other than the linesmen and players.

It is misconduct for any association or club, or any player, official, or member of any association or club, to offer, or attempt to offer, either directly or indirectly, any consideration whatever to another club, player, or players of any other club, with a view to influence the result of a match. It is misconduct for any club, player or players, to accept any such consideration.

A linesman is justified in directing the referee's attention to distinct breaches of the Laws which have come under his notice, and which he is satisfied the referee could not see, and referees should confer with the linesmen in such a case, especially where the linesmen are neutral.

It is the duty of referees to act upon the information of neutral linesmen with regard to incidents that do not come under the personal notice of referees.

A player who is injured during a match should be at once removed outside the nearest goal or touch line and the game resumed.

All clubs must have bills printed and posted in their grounds, threatening with expulsion any person who is guilty of insulting or improper conduct towards the referee.

Any misconduct towards a referee away from the field of play will be dealt with in the same way as if the offence had been committed on the field.

The referee decides everything, the linesmen being his assistants, whose decisions he can overrule. He must keep the score, and also the time, and allow for time wasted, and stop the game as he thinks fit, though in the case of the game abruptly terminating, he is bound to report the fact to the association within three days.

As regards rough play, the referee has absolute discretion. Where he considers the conduct of a player dangerous, or likely to cause injury, he must award a free kick. In doing so he must caution the offender, and, if the offence is repeated, order the player off the field of play. The caution must be specific and personal. In the case

of violent conduct, a previous caution is not needed. The referee must not accept an apology.

The referee must avoid:

(a) Discussing or arguing points with players or officials on the field of play.

(b) Arguing points with players, officials, or pressmen off the field of play.

(c) Pointing at, or placing a hand on a player when cautioning him.

The referee must check rough play at the outset.

The referee is recommended to compare watches with the linesmen, prior to the game and at half time.

The referee should be very careful in deducting time for stoppages, etc. He should blow his whistle for time or half time at the exact moment, whether the ball is in play or not. The only case in which time can be extended is that of a penalty kick.

Referees are strongly recommended not to trust to memory alone to keep a record of the game, but to note on paper the time of start and the time at which they would in the ordinary course call half time or time. They may then easily add to it for wilful delays, or stoppages of the game. The goals scored by each side in the order of occurrence should also be noted.

Trainers must not be allowed on the field of play unless called by the referee.

Club officials who find spectators on the ground beginning to annoy the referee should take care that they arrange for his protection both during and after the match. Club committees should refuse admission to notoriously bad characters, and should see that bills are posted on the grounds, respecting misconduct towards the referee.

Clubs are required to prevent betting.

A club's duty to protect the officials does not cease on the latter leaving the ground.

It is impossible for a referee to please everybody. Remember his difficult position, and do not make it more so. He has quite sufficient to do.

If any disturbances arise players should go at once to the help of the referee.

Betting is prohibited, and should not be tolerated by club officials. Offenders should be removed from the ground, and refused admission on future occasions.

For serious offences by players, officials or spectators, towards the referee, or other players, or officials, a club can be suspended, or have its ground closed, forcing such club to play all matches off its own ground.

The referee must refuse to sanction play if danger is likely to accrue to players from the state of the ground, and, as to the weather, must use his own judgment, but not needlessly spoil sport.

The referee must not allow a corner flagstaff to be removed even for the convenience of the player taking the corner kick.

The referee must know the dimensions of the field of play, how the field should be marked out, number of flagstaffs allowed, also their height and position, the dimensions of the goal posts and crossbars, the size and weight of the ball, the size of studs, and also bars, for boots, and what is not allowed in such footwear; and, in fact, must be a veritable encyclopaedia.

From the above it will be seen that a referee's position is no sinecure, and at great risk in some cases, and some consideration is due, at least, to his feelings. A referee should be respected because his able services are essential to the game. Too often the referee is abused, and unfortunately he does not get the support he should receive from every one connected with the game.

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N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

Two Blues v. C'wealth Dockyard, Wentworth Oval (Kerr). Two Blues, 2-nil.

Pymont v. Canterbury, Wentworth Oval (Wright). Pymont, 3-1.

Pymont Rangers v. Thirroul, Wollongong. Thirroul, 5-4.

Gladesville v. Woonona. Woonona, 3-1.

PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION.

B'main Fernleigh v. Eastern Suburbs, Centennial Park (Hayes). Fernleigh, 4-1.

SECOND DIVISION.

First Grade.

Burns Anniv. v. Sydney, Mascot Park (Alexander). Match abandoned.

Auburn v. North Sydney, Auburn Park (Peaty). Auburn, 9-nil.

Campsie Thistle v. B'main Scott, Ibrox Park (Gill). B'main Scott, 3-1.

Second Grade.

Manly v. Metters, Easton Park (Freeman). Manly, 1-nil.

Annan. Altona v. N.S.W. Fire Brigades, Easton Park (Burns). Annan. Altona, 6-2.

Botany Albion v. Hornsby Athletic, Booralee Oval (Bates). Hornsby Athletic, 4-0.

Sunlight v. Punchbowl, Punchbowl (C. R. Brown). Sunlight, 3-1.

Parramatta District received forfeit from Drummoyne.

Gallan Park v. West Sydney, Gallan Park (Lukeman). West Sydney, 4-2.

St. George District v. Rozelle Rovers, Brereton Park (McDougall). Rozelle Rovers, 5-3.

H'ville United v. Abbotsford District, Dumbleton Park (Read). H'ville United, 3-nil.

Pymont Rangers v. Railway Thistle, Mascot Park (Hargett). Rangers, 3-nil.

West Sydney received forfeit from Annan. Altona (O'Hehir could not attend).

Metters Ltd. v. Garden Is., Lyne Park (Berry). Garden Is., 7-0.

Gladesville Two Blues and Gladesville Hospital had byes.

Botany Albion B v. Punch Park, Booralee Oval. Punch Park, 5-0.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

FIRST GRADE.

First Division.

Teams	P	W	D	L	Goals		For Agst.	P
					For	Against		
Pymont	10	9	1	0	30	9	18	
Bal. Fernleigh	10	8	2	2	22	9	16	
Granville	10	5	2	3	21	10	12	
Bal. Gladstone	10	5	1	4	21	17	11	
Gladesville	10	3	3	4	16	25	9	
Pyr. Rangers	10	4	6	0	11	16	8	
East. Subs.	10	1	3	6	16	31	5	
Canterbury	10	1	9	13	33	1		

Second Division.

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A.Pts.
B'main Scott.	11	6	3	1	40	16
C'with. Dkyd.	10	7	1	2	18	7
Sydney	10	7	1	2	25	14
Auburn	11	6	1	4	33	13
Burns Anniv.	10	3	4	3	19	13
Camp. Thistle	11	3	5	5	25	9
N. Sydney	11	2	1	8	17	33
Lancs.	10	—	10	6	55	—

SECOND GRADE.

Teams	P	B	W	D	L	F	A.Pts.
Hornsby Ath.	10	2	7	2	1	29	10
A'dale Alt.	10	2	6	2	2	25	12
Sunlight	11	1	6	1	4	17	14
N.S.W.F.B.	11	1	5	1	5	20	13
Metters Ltd.	10	1	4	1	5	16	14
Gladesville	9	1	3	1	5	16	25
Manly	9	1	3	2	4	16	10
Bot. Alb.	9	1	3	—	6	19	16
Punchbowl	11	2	2	7	15	29	8

B Division.

Teams	P	B	W	D	L	F	A.Pts.
P'matta Dus.	10	2	7	2	1	27	9
Callan Park	11	1	6	3	2	36	16
W. Sydney	11	1	8	1	2	37	11
Two Blues	9	1	6	2	1	48	6
H'ville Untd.	11	1	6	—	5	17	33
Roz. Roy.	10	1	4	3	2	18	17
Abbot. Dis.	10	1	1	2	8	11	34
D'moyne	9	1	1	1	8	8	44
St. George	10	1	1	—	8	10	52

C Division.

Teams	P	B	W	D	L	F	A.Pts.
Pyr. Rgrs.	10	2	8	2	—	40	6
Punch Pk.	11	1	8	1	2	40	21
Garden Is.	9	1	6	2	1	21	13
W. Sydney	11	1	6	—	5	22	14
Glad. Hosp.	9	1	2	4	3	12	14
Rail. This.	11	2	2	2	7	16	29
Bot. Alb.	11	1	2	3	6	10	28
Metters	10	1	1	—	9	6	42

Annanale Altona (under 18 years B Grade Juniors) are to be complimented on the way they downed the undefeated champions, Newtown Juniors, by 3 goals to nil last Saturday at Annandale. Their defence was like a stone wall, and their attack was brilliant. They have a centre forward who plays the game like a veteran. The combination of these teams was equal to a lot of first-class football I have seen this season. The first half was as good an exposition of the soccer code as could be wished for, but Annandale's constant attack broke Newtown to pieces, and Annandale were easy winners in the second spell.

METROP. JUNIOR JOTTINGS.

PRIMROSE PARK.

The Junior Ground, Primrose Park, is making a name for itself. The ground is owned by Mr. G. Russell, who is a very great enthusiast of the Code. The ground is ideal, and is suitable in all respects for Soccer. The Junior Association is justly proud of having such a ground at their disposal.

BIRCHGROVE WANDERERS.

This team which is in the Third Division of the C Grade Competition is proving worthy of its place in the competition, and being a new team, they are to be congratulated for the high standard of football they are playing. They are serious rivals of Pymont—season's winners—and when the two teams meet, bright, crisp football should be witnessed.

ARK OF SAFETY.

The above club, which is in Third Division of the C Grade, who up till last Saturday were beaten on every occasion, showed their grit last Saturday by defeating Annandale Rovers by two goals to nil. Bravo Arks, you will better.

ACTING HON. SECRETARY.

During the temporary absence of Mr. F. C. Pearn, with the N.S.W. Junior team, duties of hon. sec. of the Association are being carried on by Mr. Wm. A. Forrester.

Annandale United v. St. Peters Kangaroos, Erskineville, 3.15. Rozelle v. Glebe United, Algie Park, 1.45. Balmain Kia-ora v. Pymont Juniors, Centennial Park, 1.45. Leichhardt v. Banksmeadow, Annandale, 1.45.

(3rd Div.)

Glebe Arcadia v. Botany, Annandale, 3.15. Birchgrove Wanderers v. Ark of Safety, Erskineville, 1.45. Rose Bay v. St. Peters Juniors, Camperdown Park, 2.05.

FIXTURES, 22nd JULY, 1922.

Camperdown Y.M.C.A. v. Pyrmont, Camperdown Park, 3.15. Lilyfield v. Annandale Rovers, Leichhardt Flat, 1.45.

JUNIOR INTERSTATE MATCH.

A Drawn Game.

It was unfortunate that heavy rain marred the first junior Interstate football match played under any code of football, for on a rain sodden ground with heavy rain falling right throughout the game, both teams put up a brilliant game, and a draw of two goals each is a fitting result.

The Schoolboy match, which was to have been the first game on the programme yesterday at the Brisbane Cricket Ground was postponed on account of the bad weather, but the 2 p.m. match, Blackstone Rovers and Pineapple Rovers, was played, with a slight curtailment of the usual ninety minutes. Pineapple Rovers, though only having ten men at the commencement of the game, ran out well-deserved winners by two goals to one. It is understood the Blackstone Rovers have lodged a protest against the result, but the grounds on which the protest has been lodged are so trivial that Pineapple Rovers do not fear the ultimate result.

The Junior Interstate game between New South Wales and Queensland was a fine exhibition of Soccer, and neither State has any reason to worry over the ability of the prospective seniors. Queensland perhaps had slightly more of the game than the New South Wales Juniors, but their forwards were more dangerous when in front of goals. For New South Wales, Warde, Hodge, and Gilbert were the outstanding players of a brilliant team, while on the Queensland side Kortocoff was the dominating player. Other than the Queensland right half, each member played his part, and played it well.

The second interstate game will be played at the Cricket Ground on Monday. The Queensland team will be the same as was fielded to-day, while Wright will displace Parker at centre half in the New South Wales eleven.

Tasmanian officials are at present in communication with the F.A. and are endeavouring to arrange a visit to this State, doubtful if the request will be granted, on account of the big program already in hand.

JOTTINGS FROM BLIGHTY.

At the annual meeting of the Scottish Football Association it was decided to reduce the number of clubs playing in the First Division from 22 to 20. Queen's Park, Dumbarton and Clydebank are relegated to the Second Division, and Alloa Athletic are promoted to the First.

Eight Scottish First League teams left Scotland in May to tour Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Norway, Iceland and Denmark. This should particularly strengthen Australasia's claim to a visit at an early date.

The directors of Manchester City have just entered into a contract to purchase a site for a new ground on the South side of Manchester, about one and a half miles from the present ground. The scheme when complete will afford accommodation for 120,000 spectators under cover. — "Some ground."

That popular "Pat" Hendren, international cricketer, well known to all Australian sports, after a strenuous Soccer season, soon got into his stride with the bat. Against Warwickshire, at Lord's, he compiled a magnificent 172 not out. Well done, "Patsy," Australian Soccerites congratulate you.

Syd. Puddfoot, the centre forward for West Ham, has found a place in the Essex County Cricket Team.

In the files to hand, Scotland is again pressing for an alteration in the off side rule. They were defeated last year owing to the lack of support of other affiliated associations.

It may be of interest to know that M.S.F. Association is affiliated to the Welsh Association. By the next mail we should have details of the doings of the annual meetings held last May.

The Scottish suggestion was that no man was off side, until he was forty yards from his opponents' goal line, when the rule as we know it would operate.

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